

HE RODE THE FIRST

MAN WHO STARTLED AMERICA
WITH THE VIGORAL BICYCLE

His Name is Tyler and He Lives in Chicago
—How He Bought the Machine and Paid
More for It Than He Expected, Getting
the Purchase Money by Giving Exhibi-
tion Rides which were Largely At-
tended—First Bicycle Born in a Circus
—Description of the Early Wheel and
How it was Ridden by the Inventor.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—"I rode the first bi-
cycle in America. If any other man
claims to have done so, I would like to
hear from him, but I don't believe there
is such a man."

So says Mr. John William Tyler of
No. 31 East Monroe street. The pioneer
of the millions who now sit on wheels
all over this broad continent is a mid-
dle-aged man, well built, with dark hair
and eyes. In early life Mr. Tyler was
a gymnast; he is now a jeweler.

Mr. Tyler was born in Danville, Pa.,
in 1859. At the age of 19 years he moved
to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Here he enjoyed
the wild rapture of seeing a circus.
The pink lemonade, the sawdust ring,
the tight-rope walker, the ground and
lofty tumbling had indescribable
charms for him, and fired him with the
ambition of being a gymnast. He ac-
cordingly became a pupil in a gym-
nasium which was opened in Wilkes-
Barre by Washington Donaldson, the
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drowned, in company with a new-
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Tyler was that of tight-rope walking,
and the pupil acquired such proficiency
that July 4, 1885, he gave a public ex-
hibition, walking a rope stretched three
stories high across Market street, in
Wilkes-Barre. Soon afterward, how-
ever, he gave up tight-rope business,
and was apprenticed to a jeweler.

THE HANLON WHEEL.
During his apprenticeship he was a
reader of the Scientific American, in
which magazine he one day came
across a paragraph which interested him
very much. It dealt with the im-
provements made in the bi-
cycle, or velocipede, as it was then called,
by the brothers Hanlon, who were
surprising Paris by their exploits on
the new machine. Tyler was captivated
by the picture of a man riding a bicycle.
It is from the Scientific American of Aug.
18, 1885.

Within a few months the vehicle
known as the velocipede has received
an unusual degree of attention, espe-
cially in Paris, it having become in the
city a very fashionable and favorite
means of locomotion. To be sure, the
rider "works his passage," but the la-
bor is less than walking, the time re-
quired to traverse a certain distance
is not so much, while the exercise of the
muscles is as healthful and vigorous.
A few years ago this machine was
used merely as playthings for children,
and it is only lately that their capabili-
ties have been understood and acknowl-
edged. Practice on this machine has
been carried so far that officers of
comparative trials of speed between
them and horses on the race course
have made.

The engraving represents one used
by the well-known Hanlon brothers in
their public exhibitions, and has only
two wheels, the vehicle being kept in an
upright position while in motion by the
skill of the rider. The poker of propul-
sion is applied by the feet, and the ve-
hicle is steered by a lever worked by
the hands, which is attached to the
forked supporter of the forward wheel.
The subjects of the Hanlon's patents
are extension or adjustable cranks to
suit the driver's peculiarities, a sensi-
ble seat and its adaptation to the use
of ladies by making it similar to a
side saddle. The vehicle may have three
wheels—a steering wheel in front and
two supporting wheels in the rear of the
occupant—in this form being better
adapted to the use of women and chil-
dren and to new beginners. The second
improvement is a spring seat, a spring
one, being supported on flexible steel or
wooden strips and insuring ease of mo-
tion. We are told that the capabilities
of this machine are admirably exhib-
ited by the Hanlon brothers, and that
their evolutions rivaling in grace and
rapidity those of the best skaters.

Times have immensely changed since
the foregoing was written, and men
and women and bicycles have changed
with them. Bicycling is no longer an
accomplishment, it is a science. The
gymnasts like the Hanlon brothers; its
varieties swarm all over the earth, pen-
etrating even the wildest districts,
exploring remote and uncanny districts,
and driving the whole world bicycle-
mad from Greenland's icy mountains
to India's coral strand. There is no
talk now of a "side saddle," a "side
saddle" to the bicycle, as was neces-
sary to suit the gentler notions of the
ladies of twenty-seven years ago; the
new woman, in her bicycle, has dis-
posed of that question by going boldly
astride her wheel.

The Hanlon patent—the first bicycle
patent to be taken out in America—
appears on the register as follows:
79,654—George Hanlon, William Hanlon,
Alfred Hanlon and Frederick
Hanlon, New York, N. Y. Velocipede.
July 7, 1885.—The seat is made adjust-
able on the inclined perch, and the foot
rests on the front axle and are adjust-
able lengthwise so that the apparatus
may be used by either large or small
persons. The rear axle is so arranged
in the forked rear end of the frame
that either one or two wheels may be
hung upon it.

Claim 1.—The seat E, when secured
upon the end of a spring, L, and when
adjusted upon the perch C, substan-
tially as described for the purpose set
forth.

2. The extension rank C, on the
front axle, A, of the velocipede, when
arranged as described, for the pur-
pose of making the velocipede adjust-
able, as set forth.

3. Providing the perch or connecting
frame, C, with a forked rear end, for
the purpose of allowing the use of the
wheel, C, within, or of two wheels, H,
H, without the fork as specified.

4. A velocipede, consisting of the bi-
furcated perch, C, carrying the axle,
AR, of the front wheel, D, and the ad-
justable spring seat, E, and of the exten-
sion cranks, C, on the front axle, all
made and operating as herein shown
and described.

WAS FIRST ONE MADE.

At this time the riding of a bicycle

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CURES SCROFULA,
BLOOD POISON.

S THE
CURES CANCER,
ECZEMA, TETTER.

S BLOOD

was considered rather as a gymnastic
exercise, to be undertaken only by the
very skillful. Thus it appeared to Mr.
Tyler, and he at once ordered a velocipede
from the advertised manufacturer,
namely, Calvin White, of No. 633
Broadway, New York, who had pur-
chased the patent from the Hanlons.

Said Mr. Tyler:
"After having waited about three
months, the velocipede came at last.
It came C. O. D., with a bill for \$50 and
a letter from the manufacturer stating
that they hoped the first one they had
made; that I had given them their first
order, and the cause of the long delay
was their not being ready to manufac-
ture. From the illustration of the ma-
chine, I thought it would cost only \$10
or \$15, and I was not ready to pay \$50.
A friend, however, came to my aid and
paid the bill, telling me that I could
give exhibitions on the machine and
in that way soon be able to pay him
back, which I did—there being plenty
of people then in America willing to
pay money for the privilege of seeing
a man ride a velocipede. That night
I took the wheel out of the express
box about 9 o'clock and proceeded,
without instructions, to learn how to
ride it, and managed to ride it about
a square. I hired an Indian to come in
and the people paid to come in and
see me ride, and that fall I established
a velocipede school in Wilkes-Barre.
My wheel attracted much interest, but
I was so popular, in fact, that articles
in reference to it appeared in a great
many newspapers, and invitations
poured in upon me to come and give ex-
hibitions in the several places, which I
afterwards did, proving that wheel-rid-
ing was a remarkable attraction and
paying accomplishment. That people
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My wheel was something entirely
new to the country. People couldn't
understand it. I remember one day,
when I was wheeling between Wilkes-
Barre and Pittston, I struck a high
wheel. A young girl with some cur-
tains in her hand ran out of a house
and hailed me, offering me a job; she
took me to be a scissor-grinder.
The country fair of 1889 I ran a
bicycle race with a man who had made
his own machine. It was an exciting
contest, in presence of an enthusiastic
multitude. It was a mile race over a
gravel track. I won the race doing the
mile in thirteen minutes—yes, thirteen
minutes—amid great applause, with
my adversary close up.

In conjunction with Commodore
Beaumont, the first man that ran an
iron-clad across the ocean, I invented
the present style of chain and
sprocket, solid rubber tires gave place
to the cushion tires and the pneumatic;
improvements of various kinds have
been effected, and very soon the mo-
tive power will not be regulated by
the feet, but by oil and electricity.
Having made up my mind to com-
plete my trade as a jeweler, I gave up
the velocipede business until 1892, when
I took to the bicycle again. I have rid-
den a good deal since, but I'll never
be paid for doing so any more.

WHERE HONOR IS DUE.
The Hanlon brothers, to whom
America is practically indebted for the
introduction of the bicycle, are still
well and thriving in the United
States as proprietors and managers of
spectacular plays.

ABOUT MOSQUITOES.

The Little Pests Get Looked At by a
Scientific Eye.

There are supposed to be about one
hundred and fifty species of mosquitoes
in the world. Already twenty-one
species have been identified as native
to North America. The largest va-
rieties occur in the tropics, where in-
sect life of all sorts obtains its fullest
and most pestiferous development. No-
where, however, are these blood-
suckers more abundant than in far
northern latitudes, as in Arctic Alaska,
where they appear in countless swarms
during the brief boreal summer. There
are at least three or four species of
Jersey mosquitoes, one succeeding
another during the progress of the sea-
sons. The biggest known mosquito is
only found as a fossil, happily. It lived
in tertiary times, being contemporary
with the mastodon and megalotherium.
To it has been given the appropriate
name of "culex damnatorum," mean-
ing "gnat of the damned."

There is no reason to doubt that
mosquitoes carry diseases, says the
Washington Star, and they are seriously
suspected of propagating yellow fever.
It has been noticed that yellow fever
comes with them and goes when they
depart; also that it is worse in seasons
when they are most plentiful and in lo-
calities where they are most abundant.
But respecting this complaint compar-
atively little has been definitely as-
certained. The mosquito is likewise
accused of propagating malaria by
carrying the infection from one person
to another. This charge is not proven,
however.

It has long been known that only
the female mosquito bites. The male
possesses no lance for inflicting a
wound, such as his mate is provided
with. The purpose of his existence is
merely to perpetuate the species, and
he never enters a house unless by ac-
cident. The natural food of the female
is the juices of plants, and it is not
known why she seeks blood. The in-
dulgence seems to be a kind of dissi-
pation with her, like whiskey and tobacco
with human beings. Unlike the latter,
she never gets full by once. Her sting
consists of five extremely sharp needles,
two of which are barbed. They unite
and form an awl, which, having in-
flicted the puncture, serves as a tube
for sucking the blood of the victim. The
suggestion that poisonous fluid is in-
troduced into the wound for the purpose
of making the blood more liquid is mere
theory.

The female mosquito lays her eggs in
a boat-shaped mass on the surface of
still water. From these the larvae,
called "wigglers," are hatched. When
the wriggler considers that he has
wriggled long enough he comes to the
surface and carefully extricates himself
from his skin, which serves as a raft
for him to stand upon. This is the
danger point of his life, for the least
breath of wind may upset the raft and
drown him. Happily escaping this
fate, he flies away as soon as his wings
are dry. If a "she," the insect loses no
time in seeking for some animal or per-
son to torture. It has been contended
that the larval mosquito has some use-
fulness, consuming miasmatic germs in
the water; but this is more than doubt-
ful.

Saving Money.
Wabash—I was sorry to hear of your
divorce, old man. Couldn't you live
happily together?

Van Buren—Oh, yes, happily enough,
but matrimony was too expensive. You
see, I am trying to save enough money
to buy a bicycle.—Indianapolis Journal.

JEERED AND HISSED

COLORED MASONIC LODGE AT OKLA-
HOMA CITY KICKS.

Claims in a Set of Resolutions that During
a Recent Parade there They were Goyed
and Insulted by White Ruffians Who
Said Mean, Rude Things About Them.
Knocking the Dignity and Pleasure of
the Occasion Sky-High—Everybody in
the Town is Consequently Scared with
Great Heat.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 12.—The latest
organization to have a grievance in
Oklahoma is the St. John Grand lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons. The
kick is at a portion of the people of
Oklahoma City. The lodge recently
held a convention at Oklahoma City,
and it does not like the treatment it re-
ceived at all. As a result the St. John
Grand lodge A. F. & A. M., passed the
following resolutions at Oklahoma City:

Whereas, This M. W. St. John Grand
lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of the Territory of Oklahoma
and jurisdiction thereto belonging
held its third annual communica-
tion in the hall of Keystone lodge, No. 2,
in the City of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, On Thursday, Aug. 8, 1895,
while the grand lodge was being es-
corted by Keystone lodge No. 2, through
the principal thoroughfares of said city
the white ruffians on line of march did
him, jeer and howl at the procession;

Resolved, By this grand lodge, that
we extend our heartfelt thanks to the
members of Keystone lodge No. 2, and
to the good citizens of Oklahoma City
who received us as men and Masons
and extended to us the hospitalities of
the city.

Resolved, That we condemn in un-
measured terms the indignities hurled
at us by the ruffians of Oklahoma City.

We furthermore condemn the city of-
ficials of Oklahoma City, who failed to
show us any courtesy or protection at
all during our sojourn in that city—
such protection as is extended to a gen-
tleman or a Mason.

PETER BOEING IS DROWNED.

While Bathing at Oklahoma City He Loses
His Life.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Aug. 12.—Peter
Boeing, a young man 26 years old, who
lived with his mother on East California
avenue, was drowned yesterday
afternoon at 4 o'clock while bathing in
the river above the Williamson bridge.

He and his brother-in-law, Mr. Toppe
went to the river together. Mr. Boeing
taking with him a change of clothes
which he expected to put on after tak-
ing his bath. He went into the water
where it was about five feet deep, but
when Mr. Toppe was aware that any-
thing was wrong he was out in deep
water and was sinking and rising again
and apparently struggling to save him-
self. It was only a couple of seconds,
after the discovery, however, until he
sank for the last time.

The alarm was given, and a large
crowd soon gathered on the bank, but
those who volunteered to search the
river could do nothing. About dusk
Mr. Mitscher, Mr. Jones and others se-
cured a net and strung it across the
river at the bridge. Dynamite was
then exploded in the river. The search
was given up at dark, but this morning
the body was discovered against the net.

He could not swim and it is believed
that he got into water too deep for
him and that the strong current carried
him down.

SOLDIER FINDS HIS FINGERS.

Veteran Goes Back to the Battlefield and
Picks Them Up.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12.—John Sam-
mons is a responsible man, a good far-
mer who stands high among his neigh-
bors, and whose reliability has never
been brought into question. He was
a brave soldier of the Confederate army
and was one of those who participated
in that bloody tragedy on the banks of
the Chickamauga creek on Sept. 18, 1863.
During the hottest of the engagements
Sammons found himself in an exposed
position, with shot and shell playing
high level around him, and he sought
such shelter as was afforded by a large
oak tree which was in direct line of
fire. While handling his piece a bullet
struck his gunstock and cut off the
two first joints of the forefinger of the
right hand as cleanly as a knife could
have done it. The dismembered fin-
gers dropped among the leaves and as
he was more particular about saving
the balance of his body than about re-
covering as little a thing as a finger, he
made the best of his way out of the
field, stanching his bleeding hand as
best he could.

The war was fought to a finish and
Sammons came back home and went to
work, charging up his maimed hand to
the losses of the Confederacy. Some
time ago he decided to revisit the bat-
tle ground, which he had not seen in
thirty-two years nearly, and so he took
himself to Chickamauga and started
out to stroll along the battlefield in the
tree where he stood when wounded oc-
cupied such a conspicuous position
that he found little difficulty in locating
it, with all the scars and knots in its
rugged trunk, caused by the flying mis-
siles of death. Having found the tree
he put himself in the same position in
which he was standing when wounded,
and then it occurred to him to look for
the bones of the missing finger. Scratch-
ing around among the leaves, he found the
remains of his finger had fallen, and they
corresponded exactly with the finger
he had lost. They had lain there un-
disturbed ever since that dread day,
and it was with a strange feeling that
he took them, and, after establishing their
identity to his perfect satisfaction
trapped them up and took them away
with him as a strange souvenir of his
war-time experiences. Mr. Sammons
has them in his possession now and will
preserve them as an evidence of the
fact that he found them on the battle-
field after the lapse of so many years.

STILL DISABLED.—The man who sighs
for a happy day
When a barefoot boy he ran,
Is the same old boy who used to say:
"I wish I was a man."

—Philadelphia Record.

If you try to find out what women do
or don't do for you, you're worse off than
base ball before. See! Do best way is to
take 'em as you find 'em, and try not to go
crazy thinking 'bout it. Dat's right.—Chim-
ney Padden.

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